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1. PPDC AND UDE CONSUMMATE MERGER. ALVAREZ DE MIRANDA'S
PPDC AND THE CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UDE AGREED
YESTERDAY TO FORM THE "PARTIDO DEMOCRATA CRISTIANO."
ALVAREZ DE MIRANDA WAS SELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE NEW PARTY.
ANTONIO MASSA AND GIMENEZ MELLADO (UDE) AND EMILIANO
CARRASCAL AND JOSE RODRIGUEZ SOLER (PPDC) WERE NAMED THE
FOUR VICE PRESIDENTS, WHILE INGO CAVERO (PPDC) AND JOSE
ALMAGRO AND FEDERICO RODRIGUEZ (UDE) WERE APPOINTED SECGENS.

2. MORE OPPOSITION TO SURAEZ RUNNING. MANUEL CANTARERO,
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RESPECTED REGIME PROGRESSIVE AND PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC "REFORMA SOCIAL ESPANOLA," TODAY ADDED HIS
VOICE TO THOSE URGING THAT SUAREZ REMAIN ABOVE THE
ELECTORAL FRAY FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY. IN A
SIGNED EDITORIAL IN THIS MORNING'S "EL PAIS," CANTARERO
DESCRIBED SUAREZ AS THE "PILOT" OF THE TRANSITION WITH A
FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF

"ALL " SPANIARDS. HE SHOULD REMAIN ABOVE PARTISANSHIP THROUGH THE CONSTITUENT PERIOD, AT THE END OF WHICH HE WOULD BE FREE TO PRESENT HIMSELF IN THE FIRST ELECTIONS UNDER THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

3. MIGUEL BOYER, ITINERANT POLITICIAN. RESPECTED ECONOMIST MIGUEL BOYER, WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED FROM THE PSOE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF HIS CONCERN OVER THE RADICAL TEXTURE OF THE PARTY'S BASE (MADRID 1498) AND SIGNED ON WITH FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ'S "PARTIDO SOCIAL DEMOCRATA," HAS NOW ALSO RESIGNED FROM THAT PARTY BECAUSE OF HIS BELIEF THAT IT, AND "CENTRO DEMOCRATICO," OF WHICH IT IS A MEMBER, ARE TOO WILLING TO BE EMPLOYED AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR "MAINTAINING THE CURRENT GOVT. IN POWER." BOYER'S POINTED CRITICISMS OF ANY SUAREZ CANDIDACY (MADRID 2445) OBVIOUSLY PLACED HIM OUT IN FRONT AND SOMEWHAT TO THE LEFT OF HIS PSD COLLEAGUES.

4. SOCIALIST NOTES. PSOE SECGEN GONZALEZ TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY THAT THE PARTY HAD REACHED UNITY AGREEMENTS WITH TWO GROUPINGS FORMERLY INTEGRATED IN THE "FEDERACION DE PARTIDOS SOCIALISTAS." THE PSOE'S CATALAN FEDERATION HAS REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH RAVENTOS'S PSC-C UNDER WHICH THEY WILL PRESENT "SOCIALIST UNITY" SLATES IN THE FOUR CATALAN PROVINCES AS A FIRST STEP TOWARD THE FORMATION OF A UNIFIED CATALAN SOCIALIST PARTY. IN MADRID, THE MAJORITY FACTION OF THE "CONVERGENCIA SOCIALISTA DE MADRID," LED BY ENRIQUE BARON, ALSO HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE PSOE ON A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNIFIED ELECTORAL SLATE. GONZALEZ PRESENTED TO THE PRESS HIS PROPOSAL THAT POLITICAL GROUPINGS RANGING FROM CENTRO DEMOCRATICO ON THE RIGHT THROUGH THE PCE ON THE LEFT AGREE ON 200 GOOD MEN AND TRUE, SOME PARTY LABELED OTHERS RESPECTED INDEPENDENTS, AS CANDIDATES FOR THE SENATE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE UPPER CHAMBER WILL BE COMMITTED TO THE DRAFTING OF A NEW CONSTITUTION. EATON

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